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**Please Note:**

**New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

**FV-212**

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 3, 2005

**Shelled Nuts, Announcement FV-212, Invitation 028**

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Shelled Nuts as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Wednesday, August 17, 2005.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 31, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2005 to November 30, 2005.

**NOTE:** Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2006. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the appropriation of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives written notice of such availability from the Contracting Officer.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Whole Roasted, Shelled Almonds	12/2 lb.	3,080 cases
Whole Roasted, Shelled Almonds	25 lb.	2,992 cases
Whole Natural, Shelled Almonds	12/2 lb.	1,540 cases

- The size of the whole almonds: 34 – 36 A.O.L. (for this invitation only).
- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.



- All natural almonds must be treated with propylene oxide (PPO) or “plasticized” (heating to soften the nut prior to slicing or slivering), in order to protect from salmonella contamination. Certification that one of the two methods has been performed must be provided to the USDA inspector prior to inspection.
- Manufacturer’s own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.
- On “BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY” destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.

**Note:** Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A “HELP” button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-212, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Shelled Nuts dated October 1999, as amended, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP



0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20090-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-212, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

**Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.**

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV212  
 INVITATION : 028  
 COMM GROUP : 47 NUTS  
 COMM TYPE : 10 ALMONDS, ROASTED, SHELLED  
 PACK SIZE : 12 12/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/05 - 11/30/05

001	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,540	_____
002	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,155	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	385	_____

COMM TYPE : 10 ALMONDS, ROASTED, SHELLED  
 PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/05 - 11/30/05

003	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	374	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,122	_____
004	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	553	_____
	THERMAL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	943	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 6,072

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV212  
 INVITATION : 028  
 COMM GROUP : 47 NUTS  
**COMM TYPE : 11 ALMONDS, NATURAL, SHELLED**  
**PACK SIZE : 12 12/2 LB**

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/05 - 11/30/05

005	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	385	
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,155	

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 1,540

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 7,612



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 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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